

SYSTEM, APPARATUS, AND METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING CIRCUIT-SWITCHED COMMUNICATIONS VIA PACKET-SWITCHED NETWORK SIGNALING

ABSTRACT

5 A system, apparatus and method for establishing circuit-switched (CS)
communications in packet-switched (PS) multimedia networks such as IMS, and providing
services via the PS networks to CS domain users. A dialog is established between
terminals through the PS multimedia network. A service is provided to at least one of the
terminals by way of the dialog. CS bearer information, including an indication that a
10 communication flow is requested via a CS network, is communicated between the
terminals by way of the dialog. A communication flow via the CS network is effected
between the terminals as directed by the CS bearer information. IMS or other PS
multimedia network services can thus be provided to users otherwise communicating via
the CS-domain.